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DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST GUIDELINES

The Department of Attorney General has instituted the following procedure to help you obtain public records.

1. The contact person for Public Records is Special Assistant Attorney General Laura Ann Marasco, 274-4400 ext. 2297.
2. The regular business hours of the Records Department are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you come in after regular business hours, please complete the Public Records Request Form at the front desk and it will be given to the Department the following day.
3. The Department may ask you for identification, or for the reason for your request, as its regular course of business. However, you are not required to provide identification or the reason you seek the information, and your right to access public records will not depend upon providing identification or reasons.
4. In order to ensure that you are provided with the public records you seek in an expeditious manner, we ask that you complete the Public Records Request Form located at the front desk, or on our website: www.riag.ri.gov.
5. You may also obtain by request a handout on the Access to Public Records Act, which summarizes the procedures and your rights to access public records.
6. There are times when the public records you seek are not available at the time of your request. Please be advised that the Access to Public Records Act allows a public body ten (10) business days to respond. We appreciate your understanding and patience.
7. If you feel that you have been denied access to public records, you have the right to file a review petition with the Attorney General. If you are still not satisfied, you may file a lawsuit in Superior Court.
8. The Department of Attorney General is committed to providing you with public records in an expeditious and courteous manner.

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REQUEST FORM FOR RECORDS
UNDER THE ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

Date _____ Request Number _____

Name (optional) _____

Address (optional) _____

Telephone (optional) _____

Requested Records: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Request taken by: _____ Request Number _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Records to be available on: _____ Mail _____ Pick Up _____

Records provided: _____

Costs: _____ copies _____ search and retrieval

Forward this Document to the Public Records Office

Department of Attorney General - Access to Public Records Request Receipt

If you desire to pick up the records, they will be available on _____ at the front desk. If, after review of your request, the Department determines that the requested records are exempt from disclosure for a reason set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(i)(A) through (Y), the Department reserves its right to claim such exemption.

Note: If you chose to pick up the records, but did not include identifying information on this form (name, etc.), please inform the receptionist at the front desk of the date you made the request, records requested and request number.

Thank you.